



## THE SOCIAL CORNER

EACH DAY HAS ITS CARE—EACH CARE HAS ITS DAY

THREE PRIZES MONTHLY: \$2.50 to first; \$1.50 to second; \$1.00 to third. Award made the last Saturday in each month.

### EVERY WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Bulletin wants good home letters, good business letters; good helpful letters of any kind the mind may suggest. They should be in hand by Wednesday of each week. Write on but one side of the paper. Address, SOCIAL CORNER EDITOR, Bulletin Office, Norwich, Conn.

### PRIZES FOR DECEMBER

The regular prizes for the month of December have been awarded as follows:  
Sally Price, of Norwich, first prize, \$2.50.  
Second prize—M. Roena of Colchester, \$1.50.  
Frank, of Moosau, third prize, \$1.  
The Bulletin wishes all the members and readers of the Social Corner a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### AN OPINION.

Of course, the system of awarding the prizes in the Social Corner cannot be understood from the outside, and the opportunity for disappointment is recurrent with most every distribution of the prizes. We wish to say right now there is no favoritism in it, as the awarder doesn't know to whom the money is going.

One reader of and contributor to the column frankly wrote us that she didn't think the awarder of the candy contest prizes was much of a judge, and gave the editor her reason why, which was sufficient to her, but not so to the editor. But we prefer letters of this kind to unexpressed objections and suspicious and general discontentment. It may possibly have done the writer some good and the awarder of the prizes no harm.

The shouted warning of a westerner to a disgruntled audience that was in imminent danger of breaking violently out against a young actor: "Don't shoot! He's doing the best he can!" might be applicable in this case.

The Bulletin offered three prizes and awarded eight, and there was one writer who helped more than all the rest who didn't get a prize when the awarder would have enjoyed passing two prizes to and would have then felt that she had not got her due. If nearly three times as many prizes were awarded as promised there could have been no injustice done, we think, to the contestants, if looked at from a proportional point of view.

Whatever else may be said about this corner, let us have it understood that The Bulletin is trying to have a square deal with its contributors and proposes always to do a little better than it promises.

When it is known to the members of the Corner that some of our brightest contributors send in two or more letters a week under different pen-names, that they are not well enough acquainted with the merits of a single writer on the face of a single letter to tell whether the prize is merited or not, as it seldom rests on one alone, they may realize the chance there is for them to be mistaken in judgment. The contributors who report weekly certainly have an extra call for recognition when their work is constantly valued for its excellence.

We hope the members will not hesitate to complain if they feel like it, for it is better for them and for us than silently cherished prejudice and disappointment.

Shoot at the judge any time you feel like it—EDITOR SOCIAL CORNER.

### ECONOMY IN FIRING A RANGE.

Editor Social Corner: How to economically manage a range or a steam heater is not generally understood. Lack of this knowledge costs the people millions every year. The lifted cover on the kitchen range and the open door on the steam heater are a delusion that costs money.

Take the kitchen range to be left for the night—The front drafts should all be shut tight and the covers kept in their places, the back damper be closed, the check draft near the pipe be fully opened; and the damper in the funnel be partially closed. Cool air rushing in through the open covers deadens the fire, cools the top of the stove, lessens the heat in the room and makes a continuous loss of heat and money.

The steam heater that is built to automatically open and close the draft alternately with closing and opening the cold air box in the pipe works upon the conservation principle, but continuously. Where the chain is disconnected as a matter of economy and there is economy in it, the door and front draft should be closed at night and the cold air box or check draft opened.

There is no economy in charging range or steam heater with a thin layer of coal. It takes body to make heat and to hold it, and the fire that only has to be fed occasionally in every way excels in efficiency the fire which has to be fed at short intervals all day long.

Economy is the result of doing things right as well as of doing them with good judgment.

An expert engineer says these methods will save fifteen per cent. of the cost of heating if carefully attended to. **NORWICH.**

### AN INQUIRY AND ANSWER.

Editor Social Corner: My husband earns \$18 a week and refuses to let me keep a hired girl, and thinks I ought not to be planning to buy a piano, and his objection to my aim and purpose in life is a great trial to me. Do you not think that a husband should take delight in humoring his wife as far as he possibly can? I try to please him in every way I can. **PRESTON.**

I don't, your husband is no more opposed to your aim and purpose in life than you are to his. He wants to get behindhand with your aim as a helpmate, and you have an ambition which will handicap him. I do not think \$18 a week enough to support the style of living you demand. A hired girl would cost \$3 a week and her board is worth \$2—and that means an outgo

of \$20 a month or \$250 a year. That amount would look better in the bank at the end of the year than as a charge on the account book for hired help. It does any woman good to work, and no kind husband wishes her to exceed her strength. If you need a strong woman one day in the week to wash, black the stove and sweep, you could afford that; but too much fold-deer and inability to meet expenses has spoiled many a well-meaning young husband. Sewell society is based on hard work and rigid economy—from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves is only three generations, you know. An \$800 man cannot afford to have a \$200 wife, so you should not aspire to appear like one. An every-day wage-earner needs an every-day wife, who knows how to keep house and how to keep good natured. Resolve to be a true helpmate to your husband and you can put on the style in your own house later on.—EDITOR SOCIAL CORNER.

### TESTED RECIPES.

**Editor Social Corner:** To make a Good Layer Cake, take one cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, two eggs, slightly beaten, a pinch of salt, two cups of soda, one teaspoon saleratus, two teaspoons cream of tartar and three-fourths cup of boiling milk.

**One Egg Cake:**—One-half cup of butter, one and a half cups of sugar, three cups of soda, one egg, two cups of tartar in the flour, cup of raisins, chopped fine.

**Cocoanut Cake:**—One cup of butter, three cups of sugar, four eggs with whites beaten to a stiff froth, two cups of soda, two cups of cream of tartar, one cup of raisins, one cup of coconut.

**Eggless Cake:**—Cream one-half cup of butter with one and a half cups of sugar, add a cup of sour milk, one level teaspoon of soda in the milk, two and a half cups of flour (if make the half cup very scant indeed), one-half teaspoon each of cinnamon and mace, and one cup of seeded, chopped and floured raisins. Bake in a loaf in a good oven.

**Old Fashioned Pork Cake:**—One cup of salt pork chopped fine, pour over it one cup boiling water, one cup brown sugar, one cup of molasses, one and a half cups of flour, one teaspoon of half cups of flour, one teaspoon of nutmeg and clove, and last thing add a cup of jelly or jam (raspberry jam is best), beating thoroughly. Bake in layers with white frosting between.

**Jam Cake:**—One cup sugar, two cups of butter, three eggs, one and a half cups of flour, one level teaspoon of soda, one level teaspoon of half cups of flour, one teaspoon of nutmeg and clove, and last thing add a cup of jelly or jam (raspberry jam is best), beating thoroughly. Bake in layers with white frosting between.

**CLARA OF CANTERBURY.**  
South Canterbury.

### KINNEY HOTEL TURKEY STUFFING.

**Editor Social Corner:** I thought I would send in my way of stuffing a turkey, as I have not seen anything like it in print. Take home-made apples, baked the day before, cut slices three to the inch enough to fill the bird; spread generously with nice butter; just a little pepper on each slice; then grate half a nutmeg over the slices; fold each slice butter side in and fill the bird, not crowding too hard. This is the way turkeys were stuffed that were served on the old Kinney Hotel table early in the last century.

**L. S. L.**  
Mobergan Hill.

### FROM ALWILDA'S POINT OF VIEW

Dear Sisters of the Social Corner: Before I got up one morning I thought what pleasure will come my way today.

Suppose I had a broken ankle; I should count it a pleasure to get up.

If my wrist were broken, I should think it a pleasure to dress myself and comb my hair. Pleasure Nos. 2 and 3.

If I had not been able to get a meal of anything for six months, I know I should be glad to get breakfast. Pleasure No. 4.

It is pleasant to be able to do anything. Some may say it is pleasant to be able to do, but not always pleasant to do what you have ability to. But I look at it this way: There is a pleasure in achievement, and most everything we do makes life pleasant for somebody. So all of life's everyday duties are pleasure-holders from my point of view.

**Danielson.**  
**ALWILDA.**

### CHEERY NANCY LEE.

Dear Alwilda: As you have asked our opinion on a subject, I, for one, must tell you that I do not agree with you. Now, I do not say this to be contrary, but I really and truly cannot see things your way.

I think that our surroundings and circumstances, and above all, our own disposition, are the cornerstone of our happiness, or our misery. This is a beautiful world to live in, and if we have our health and a reasonable share of this world's goods, why shouldn't we be happy? If our circumstances are such that we have no family of our own to make happy, just as all the good we can do for others, and when we are doing for others and seeing how much they appreciate our efforts, it makes us happy also.

As for the other hand, we are ill, let us look about us and see if there are not others much worse off than we are, and remember we all have trials and crosses to bear in this world. Who is there among us who would lay down

our own cross, and take up that of his brother?

Sometimes imaginary thoughts make us very unhappy. We have little or nothing to do, we are discontented and unhappy for want of work, our poor human nature is prone to evil rather than good and we sit and stew, and fret, over something that never materializes. No doubt you have heard that homely old saying: "It's all in the mind."

As a rule a man's a fool; When it's hot He wants it cool; And when it's cool He wants it hot— Always wanting what is not.

This doubtless applies to woman as well as man; so, dear Alwilda, don't let us be unhappy under any circumstances. Our poor human nature is prone to evil rather than good and we sit and stew, and fret, over something that never materializes. No doubt you have heard that homely old saying: "It's all in the mind."

**NORWICH.** **NANCY LEE.**

### Social Corner Scrap Book

**Mock Roast.**  
Take a round of beef that costs from 15 to 25 cents and sprinkle salt and pepper on it after which roll it up and wind enough twine or coarse thread around to keep in shape. Put a lump of butter or beef fat in a hot stewpan with one or two sliced onions. When the onions turn brown put in the meat and turn from side to side until it has changed color. Then pour on enough cold water to cover, but not to drown. When the water boils down add a little hot water and thicken and season the gravy to taste. If put on to cook soon after breakfast it will melt in your mouth by dinner, and be as jelly, in every respect to a half dollar roast.

**Lemon Sponge Pie.**  
One cup of sugar, one lemon, juice and grated yellow rind, two eggs, beaten separately. One cup of sweet milk, one tablespoon of cornstarch, butter size of walnut. Cream sugar and butter together, beat in the lemon juice and sugar, add the cornstarch and beaten yolks of cornstarch and milk, now stir the whites already beaten to a foam. Bake in a hot oven. This will have a sponge cake on top with cream underneath. Have rich cream, bake in a deep plate, only one crust.

**Jellied Chicken.**  
(A Good Dish for Invalids.)  
Cut up the chicken in small pieces, wash, break the bones, add four quarts water and boil eight hours. This should then make one and a half pints of broth. Strain and cook. A spoonful of gelatin, either hot or as a jelly, is very nourishing. Season with a little salt.

**Social Corner Chit Chat**  
**Color in Linens.**  
A touch of color is still used in table linen. Tinted linens, particularly cream or butter colored fabrics, are not in good taste except as a between-cover cover. Floral designs done naturally require artistic treatment just to be commensurate. They are also liable to fade badly.

The most satisfactory and stylish table linen in color is of blues and whites. Various conventional designs are to be had especially for this color scheme. Some are already started or art needlework departments will advise as to the right tones for each part of the motif.

Even blue and white coloring can be overdone. The newest centerpiece and dolly are written of a variety of white, with one tone of old blue used as outline in whole or part of designs.

**Pretty Tablecloth.**  
The fairest of little tablecloths can be made in color by using fancy handkerchiefs, four and a half yards of insertion—or more, according to the size of the handkerchiefs—and about six yards of lace, red, blue, or green, edged, naturally according to the price of the materials selected.

Take two strips of insertion, two inches wide, each cut into length of about two feet, and sew the ends together and sew the insertion on to the hem. This has the effect of a wide border, and the lace will be seen all around and gathered in place on to that. You will be surprised to see what a nice size it has turned out.

**To Clean Irons.**  
When irons begin to grow rough and smoky rub them well on a board on which has been sprinkled a little fine sand. This will prevent the iron from sticking to starched articles and will make them quite smooth. It is a good plan to rub each iron on the board before putting it back to heat, so that no sand will remain to be burnt on.

When ironing starched things, rub the starch over with a cloth slightly moistened with paraffin before using. It makes them slip over the surface like magic.

**Fur for Trimming.**  
Fitch is a skin which is to be much exploited for trimmings on Persian shawls, and for the fur of coats and mantles are made of these materials with fur trimmings. The hobbie influence is seen in all long fur coats of the season.

Being picked into a bottom band or tied in some way at the sides. On one exquisite coat of black Persian lamb fitch was used. The fitch was a little animal, the long silky hairs, going superbly with the black. The fitch belongs to the family of stone marten and Hudson Bay. When it is used the skin of the entire animal form a delicate strip which is very effective. The yellow of it is rather on the orange, and this rich color is valued for its warm and cozy effect. In the same shade, the coat mentioned was accompanied by a muff almost three-quarters of a yard long—this was made of the same material, the fur of the black lamb bordered with the fitch and trimmed at the side with a little knot of tinsel roses whose gorgeous color was all but hidden by surrounding furs and petals of black gauze.

**Fisheries and Forests of Japan.**  
The herring catch of Hokkaido is gradually decreasing, and at 40,000 families in the island are engaged, directly or indirectly, in the fisheries, one-half of whom are engaged in the herring fishery. This decrease is a matter of much concern.

One of the reasons given for the decline of the herring catch is the depopulation of forests; the removal of trees from large areas, the result of changing the currents of the rivers and thus interfering with the propagation of herring. Another reason for the decline is said to be changes in the ocean currents, thus carrying the fish away from the coast of Hokkaido.

While the above reasons are put forward by government officials, there are others concerned in the fishing industry who believe artificial propagation, as practiced on the Pacific coast of North America, will have to be resorted to in order to save the herring business.

The herring catch of Hokkaido has steadily decreased in value from \$2,500,000 in 1897 to \$2,274,000 in 1908. From 1908 to 1909 the value was \$2,000,000.

It was in the United States as a whole that the census men found 275 out of every 1,000 women in the 25 to 29 age period unmarried.

## LETTERS FROM TWO STATES.

### WINDHAM COUNTY.

#### CENTRAL VILLAGE

**Death of Mrs. Everett Kendall—Santa Claus Visits Church Festival—Skate Rink's Peril.**

Mrs. Everett Kendall died at her home on Rock Hill, Sunday. Her husband died three months ago, having been accidentally shot. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning.

Miss Hazel Smith of Groton is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Esce Smith.

Howard Bates of Northfield, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bates.

The entertainment and tree were held at the church Saturday evening. Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts. Cake, candy and ice cream were served to all.

Miss Myra Mahew of Putnam is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mahew, at their home in Putnam.

Miss Jennie Williams of Lebanon visited her brother, Arthur Williams, Monday.

Peter Burke, Fred Burke and Miss Elizabeth Burke were in Willimantic Monday to attend the funeral of their aunt.

John Turbody spent Sunday at his home in Worcester.

Mrs. Bridget Reed and Miss Mary Mullen have been guests of Miss Mary Quinn in Moosau.

Mrs. William Simmons was called to Moosau on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. William Potter.

The gatekeeper's house at the crossing was entered a few nights ago. It is thought the thieves wanted shelter from the cold as nothing was missing from the building.

**Skater in Danger.**  
George McFarland skated into an open place where they had been cutting ice. His companions rescued him. The water was nearly over his head.

Edwin Kennedy, who was taken suddenly ill at his home last Friday night is better.

Miss Dorothy Burleson of Jewett City and Roland Jordan of Willimantic are guests of Miss Helen Mathewson this week.

The Tillinghast families had their annual gathering at Frank H. Tillinghast's home. Dinner was served. The tree laden with gifts was at the home of Fred W. Tillinghast.

Miss Elizabeth Burke, Peter Burke and Fred Burke were in Willimantic Monday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Guilbert.

George Loring of Worcester is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Loring.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gouche and son Clifford, who have been visiting Mrs. Gouche's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, have returned to Plymouth, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atwood, Miss Dorothy Atwood, J. Arthur Atwood, Jr. of Wauregan, Philip A. Mathewson of Fall River, Mass., were at the home of Philip Mathewson Sunday.

Albert Still of Webster, Mass., and Frank Still of Westbury, N. Y., visited their mother, Mrs. James Still, this week.

**Won a Pig.**  
William Shaughnessy won the pig given away at Williams' store Christmas eve.

**Miss Ruby Kellogg Leaves Central Village School to Take College Course—Successful Christmas Festivals.**

A Christmas sermon on Naming the Baby was delivered by Mr. Kellogg in the line meeting house last Sunday. A New Year's service with the singing of carols was held next Sunday.

Miss Cora Kellogg, who is teaching in the Gardner, Mass., high school, is at the parsonage for the holidays.

**Resigns at Central Village.**  
Miss Ruby Kellogg is also at her father's home for the holidays. After teaching two and one-half years in the grades in Central Village, she has resigned to pursue a special course of study at college. Her place is to be filled by Miss Elsie Lathrop Briggs of Plainfield.

Miss Ruth Kellogg, a senior in Oberlin college, is spending the holiday vacation in Chicago, the guest of cousins.

Ralph Kellogg of the Norwich academy is at home for the holidays.

J. William Baker of Boston was a guest over Christmas at the parsonage. Miss Esther Gallup, teacher in Moosau, is at her father's for the holidays.

Everett Gallup, after thirteen weeks of illness and convalescence, has taken his first drive to a neighboring village.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gallup of Danbury are visiting the former's father, Ezra A. Gallup.

Miss Maud Brown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Howard Gallup, for several months, has returned to her home in New Brunswick.

**Christmas Festival.**  
On account of the rain Saturday evening the Christmas festival was postponed to Tuesday evening, when it went through with great success. A part of the lengthy programme was as follows:

A little Word of Welcome, Gladys Gallup; greeting John Sayles; Welcome, Albert Corey; King Jesus, Julia Sayles; Happy Days, Mildred Sayles; Helping Santa Claus, Ralph Corey; Christmas Gifts, Madeline Gallup; Love's Angels, Lizzie Clark; Christmas Guest, Inez Gardner; Visit from St. Nicholas, Edith Gardner; Christmas Stocking, Marion Gardner; Christmas Greeting, Florence Gardner; That's Just Me, Alice Gardner; Best Day of the Year, Lena Sayles; A Shepherd Exercise, by three children; All the Story, Helen Conquard; Hail, Hail, Merry Christmas, by three children; Christmas Surprise, Gladys Gallup; Caroling, Nellie Davidson; High Holy Tree, Frank D. Sherman.

There were also several motion and song exercises by the children, and many songs by the whole Sunday school.

There was a large tree laden with gifts, which were distributed. Every person present received a bag of candy.

### CHAPLIN.

**Special Christmas Services at Church—Holiday Visitors.**

Rev. Harry C. McKnight delivered a fine Christmas sermon at the church last Sunday. The choir rendered Christmas anthems and was assisted by Miss Dolly Burdette of Glastonbury and Clinton J. Grant of Storrs.

**Christmas Concert.**  
The Christian Endeavor society gave a Christmas concert at the church on Monday evening. Christmas songs, recitations, responsive reading, and addresses by Rev. Harry C. McKnight and Rev. Walter E. Lanphear made up the programme, which was much enjoyed by the large number present.

On Tuesday evening a company that nearly filled the chapel listened to a pleasing Christmas concert at South Church given by the Sunday school.

Miss Dolly Burdette of Glastonbury was a visitor over Christmas with Miss V. Helen Bowers.

Miss Jessie A. Smith of Glastonbury

visited on Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith.

Mrs. Nancy E. Lanphear and Miss Mabel A. Lanphear spent a few days this week at their home at South Chaplin.

Mrs. E. Jessie Hunt and Miss Florence I. Hunt visited this week in Hartford at Dr. Orin R. Witter's.

Rev. Harry C. McKnight is to preach at the church again Sunday.

### WOODSTOCK

**Christmas Entertainment for Sunday School—Personal Notes.**

Miss Kendall, a teacher in the Boston girls' high school, is a guest at the parsonage.

Miss Mabel Ritch of Yonkers, N. Y., is home for the holidays.

Richard, Harry and Edward Child were Christmas guests at Valleyfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer H. Child of Lancaster, Mass., have been visiting relatives in town.

Miss Edith H. Hall of Mt. Holyoke college and Clarence R. Hall of Bridgeport visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hall recently.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school were held Friday evening in grange hall. An entertaining programme of songs and recitations was followed by the distribution of gifts by Santa Claus.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham of Springfield, Mass., is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. F. W. Flynn.

Gardner Richardson of New York was a Christmas guest of R. B. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Safford left on Tuesday for California, where they will spend the winter.

### WARRENVILLE

**Christmas Exercises at Local School—Personal Notes.**

Mrs. M. H. Brewer was in the Threded City Monday.

Mrs. E. L. James was in Clark's Corners Tuesday and visited the school there.

Christmas exercises were held at the local school on Friday of last week, when the school closed for a vacation of a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lovejoy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Louks.

Mrs. Earl R. Knight spent Christmas with her parents in Windsor, Ct.

William Whitehouse went to Hartford Monday to visit his brother, Millard Whitehouse, who is in the Hartford hospital.

### ABINGTON

**Closing Exercises of School Term Followed by Christmas Tree.**

A very enjoyable programme was given at our village school Friday afternoon, when the entire school came together for exercises. At the close the pupils enjoyed a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Sarah Paine and Miss Irma Green of Putnam were in town on Friday and attended the Christmas exercises at the schoolhouse.

Ernest Rawley of Providence has been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Selson Platt, who is attending school at the University of Maine, is home for the holidays.

Miss and Virginia Sharpe and Carl Sharpe attended the Christmas exercises at the schoolhouse.

W. R. Vaughn of Worcester and A. N. Vaughn of Willimantic spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. A. J. McGorry.

W. E. McGrath visited in Worcester Monday.

### HOWARD VALLEY

**Telephone Service to Be Extended to the Valley.**

Henry Humes and family were Norwich visitors last week.

Mrs. Flora Hawkes visited in Killbuck and Plainfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hawkes ate Christmas dinner in Willimantic.

Raymond Hawkes made a business trip to New Britain and Bristol last week.

Clayton Hawkes and Seia Fitts have gone to Bristol to spend New Year's.

There is to be telephone service in this valley. The poles and wires are up and local people expect to talk with the outside world by New Year's.

On account of the weather no one came to preach Sunday. There was a Sunday school in place of the morning service. Brother E. St. John led the evening meeting.

### NORTH STERLING

Thomas E. Briggs of Providence was here last week on a hunting trip and secured 21 rabbits.

Fred Emmons of Boston visited his mother, Mrs. George W. Arnold, last week.

Henry H. Crowell of Willimantic, Del., has been visiting Mrs. F. O. Plummer and Miss Lucinda Knight.

Peter M. Ben